

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title with the following new Title:

OVERFLOW LAUNDER

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further disadvantages occur when using overflow launders with a reflux classifier ~~such as that seen in WO 00/45959. The reflux classifier,~~ which is a separate cell that includes a series of inclined parallel plates that ~~allows~~ allow particular particles to rise to the surface, which may depend on the properties of the particles such as their size or density. When using the above overflow launder in conjunction with the reflux classifier, there can be a tendency for particles to become segregated from the overflow, and hence a tendency for these particles to re-enter the inclined channels at a position closer to the overflow perimeter. This may produce a downward flow in an included channel or even a blockage. A downward flow is associated with internal interactions between different channels. ~~The~~ This internal flow circulation may produce higher upward flows in some channels, and downward flows in other channels, or even upward or downward flows in the same channel. This interaction may then produce a poorer quality separation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The overflow launder is particularly suitable for use with a reflux classifier such as ~~the one described in WO 00/45959~~ was described above. Figures 1 to 4 show the overflow launder fitted over the upper plates 12 of the reflux classifier. The upper ends of the plates 12 protrude in segments between the secondary troughs 4 to guide the overflow into the secondary troughs.